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1. [] A Soviet tank division—probably from Veszprem Army Barracks Headquarters 201 [] in Hungary—was engaged in a major field training exercise at Hajmasker Training Area North 221 [] 5.5 nautical miles northeast of Veszprem (Figure 1). The exercise was observed on imagery of 13 September 1979 (Figure 2). An analysis of imagery indicated that the division was simulating a meeting engagement (inset, Figure 2)¹ against a probable aggressor force (Figures 2 and 3).

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2. [] The major divisional units identified at Hajmasker included two tank regiments, two battalions of the divisional artillery regiment, a probable independent tank battalion, a rocket launcher (RL) battalion, and combat support elements. Although dismounted infantry may have been involved in the exercise, no motorized rifle unit equipment was observed. Several probable antitank guns were identified, although an antitank unit could not be confirmed.

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3. [] A probable advance guard of the division (Figure 4), consisting of a tank battalion reinforced with engineer and reconnaissance elements, was deployed against the probable aggressor force which is probably the tank divisions independent tank battalion. Two tank companies, probably from the advance guard, and a tank unit of approximately company size have begun a flanking or enveloping movement against the aggressor force. A probable command and control element consisting of a helicopter and several probable command vehicles (Figure 5) was deployed forward in the immediate vicinity of the advance guard.

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4. [] Two battalions of the lead (first echelon) tank regiment were completing deployment into battleline formation (Figure 6). Divisional artillery assets, minus one towed artillery battalion, were echeloned in depth to support the advance. A towed artillery battalion, a self-propelled (SP) gun battalion (Figure 7), and the division rocket launcher battalion were identified.

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SOVIET TANK DIVISION IN HAJMASKER, HUNGARY

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5. [] The second echelon tank regiment was deployed well to the rear and was stationary. Two tank battalions and supporting air-defense elements including SA-9 were split into three columns on the axis of advance (Figure 8). The third tank battalion, probably the division reserve (inset, Figure 8), was separately positioned from the main column. Several probable command posts were identified in the division area. Numerous observers were probably positioned in fixed observation posts in the training area to observe the exercise.

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